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The Honorable Dean Heller
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Heller:

Thank you for your letter of September 9, 2014, to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency forwarding the concerns of your constituent, Mr. Rannow, regarding the Clean Power Plan for Existing Power Plants. You asked us to respond to Mr. Rannow directly; a copy of that response is enclosed.

Again, thank you for your letter. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 202-564-5200 or your staff may contact Kevin Bailey in EPA's Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations at 202-564-2998.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Joyce K. Frank".

Joyce K. Frank
Principal Deputy Associate Administrator

Enclosure



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Mr. Randy K. Rannow
10850 Serratina Drive
Reno, Nevada 89521

Dear Mr. Rannow:

I am responding to a September 9, 2014, letter from Senator Dean Heller on your behalf to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Senator Heller asked that we respond to your letter regarding the Clean Power Plan for Existing Power Plants that was signed by the EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy on June 2, 2014, and published in the *Federal Register* on June 18, 2014.

Climate change induced by human activities is one of the greatest challenges of our time. It already threatens human health and welfare and our economic well-being, and if left unchecked, it will have devastating impacts on the United States and the planet. Power plants are the largest source of carbon dioxide emissions in the United States, accounting for roughly one-third of all domestic greenhouse gas emissions. The proposed Clean Power Plan builds on what states, cities and businesses around the country are already doing to reduce carbon pollution and establishes a flexible process for states to develop plans to reduce carbon dioxide that meet their needs.

We will place your comments in the docket for this rulemaking. In regard to your request regarding the comment period, the EPA did decide to extend the comment period by 45 days, in order to get the best possible advice and data to inform a final rule. The public comment period remains open until December 1, 2014. We welcome input from the broad spectrum of stakeholders on this important matter.

Again, thank you for your letter. I appreciate the opportunity to be of service and hope this response has been helpful.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Janet G. McCabe", is located below the "Sincerely," text.

Janet G. McCabe
Acting Assistant Administrator

cc: The Honorable Dean Heller
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